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Memorandum for John

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Subject: Senior Review Panel Comments on Draft on
Forms and Procedures of Interagency
Intelligence Production

1. The draft covers most of the essential definitional prescriptions very well.

2. However, the paragraph on IIMs lacks clarity. The first part of the statement reads as if IIMs would not engage in speculation about the future, limiting themselves to the assessment of an actual situation. If this is the purpose, then all interagency papers concerned with future developments would presumably be NIEs or SNIEs. This can be regarded as a logically neat prescription but does of course differ greatly from current practice. However, the third sentence states that IIMs may or may not present estimates about the future. This statement conflicts with the first one, and the conflict should be resolved. Otherwise people can use IIMs in ways wholly at their discretion.

3. The later part of this paper, on production planning, appears to us to be incomplete or to require further discussion and elaboration.

4. The SRP memorandum also made additional recommendations about the production of interagency papers that are ignored in the present draft (e.g., on pp 14-15). Should these form the subject of an additional directive? Or should they be considered for inclusion in the present document?

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